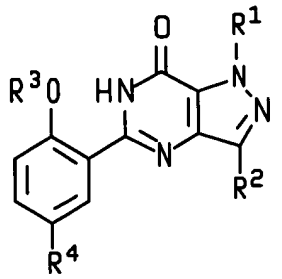
In the claims:

1. (currently amended) A method of treating sexual dysfunction due to trauma and/or nerve damage which accompanies a spinal cord injury in an animal, comprising orally administering to an animal in need of such treatment an effective amount of a compound of formula (I):



(I)

wherein:

R^1 is H; C_1-C_3 alkyl; C_1-C_3 perfluoroalkyl; or C_3-C_5 cycloalkyl;

R^2 is H; C_1-C_6 alkyl optionally substituted with C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl; C_1-C_3 perfluoroalkyl; or C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl;

R^3 is C_1-C_6 alkyl optionally substituted with C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl; C_1-C_6 perfluoroalkyl; C_3-C_5 cycloalkyl; C_3-C_6 alkenyl; or C_3-C_6 alkynyl;

R^4 is C_1-C_4 alkyl optionally substituted with OH, NR^5R^6, CN, $CONR^5R^6$ or CO_2R^7; C_2-C_4 alkenyl optionally substituted with CN, $CONR^5R^6$ or CO_2R^7; C_2-C_4 alkanoyl optionally substituted with NR^5R^6; (hydroxy)C_2-C_4 alkyl optionally substituted with NR^5R^6; (C_2-C_3 alkoxy)C_1-C_2 alkyl optionally substituted with OH or NR^5R^6; $CONR^5R^6$; CO_2R^7; halo; NR^5R^6; $NHSO_2NR^5R^6$; $NHSO_2R^8$; $SO_2NR^9R^{10}$; or phenyl, pyridyl, pyrimidinyl, imidazolyl, oxazolyl, thiazolyl, thienyl or triazolyl any of which is optionally substituted with methyl;

R^5 and R^6 are each independently H or C_1-C_4 alkyl, or together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a pyrrolidinyl, piperidino, morpholino, 4-N(R^{11})-piperazinyl or imidazolyl group wherein said group is optionally substituted with methyl or OH;

R^7 is H or C_1-C_4 alkyl;

R^8 is C_1-C_3 alkyl optionally substituted with NR^5R^6;

R^9 and R^{10} together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a pyrrolidinyl, piperidino, morpholino or 4-N(R^{12})-piperazinyl group wherein said group is optionally substituted with C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_1-C_3 alkoxy, $NR^{13}R^{14}$ or $CONR^{13}R^{14}$;

R^{11} is H; C_1-C_3 alkyl optionally substituted with phenyl; (hydroxy)C_2-C_3 alkyl; or C_1-C_4 alkanoyl;

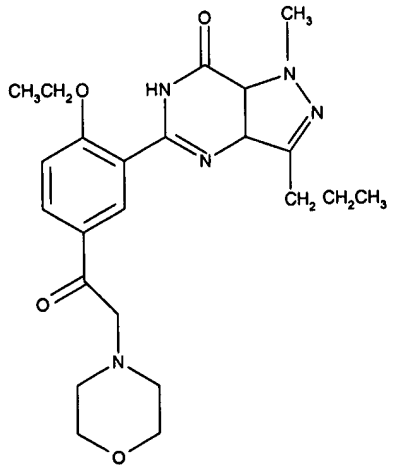
R^{12} is H; C_1-C_6 alkyl; (C_1-C_3 alkoxy)C_2-C_6 alkyl; (hydroxy)C_2-C_6 alkyl; ($R^{13}R^{14}$N)C_2-C_6 alkyl; ($R^{13}R^{14}$NOC)C_1-C_6 alkyl; $CONR^{13}R^{14}$; $CSNR^{13}R^{14}$; or $C(NH)NR^{13}R^{14}$; and

R^{13} and R^{14} are each independently H; C_1-C_4 alkyl; (C_1-C_3 alkoxy)C_2-C_4 alkyl; or (hydroxy)C_2-C_4 alkyl;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

or a pharmaceutical composition containing either entity.

2. (original) A method as defined in claim 1, wherein said compound is selected from sildenafil, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, and the compound having the structure:



and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

3. (canceled)

4. (canceled)

5. (original) A method of treating sexual dysfunction due to trauma and/or nerve damage which accompanies a spinal cord injury in an animal, comprising orally administering to an animal in need of such treatment an effective amount of sildenafil, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, or a pharmaceutical composition containing either entity.

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6. (original) A method as defined in claim 5, wherein said pharmaceutically acceptable salt is the citrate.

7. (original) A method as defined in claim 1, wherein said animal is male and exhibits essentially no residual erectile function.

8. (original) A method as defined in claim 5, wherein said animal is male and exhibits essentially no residual erectile function.

9. (original) A method as defined in claim 1, wherein said animal is human.

10. (original) A method as defined in claim 5, wherein said animal is human.